



KING EDWARD VI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Governing Board's Report October 2016

This has been a challenging year for KEVICC which has seen a whole College restructure take place. Any change causes uncertainty, but the Governing Board is confident that the enthusiasm of our students and the dedication of the College staff will result in KEVICC being better equipped to meet the challenges of the future. Everyone is working hard to capitalise on our very good exam results and progress and to make KEVICC the first choice College for parents and children locally.

During the past year, governors have visited the College to find out more, build relationships and to see how the decisions we make at a strategic level are implemented. We have met teaching staff and students as part of departmental reviews and celebrated success. One of the pleasures is to attend College performances and shows and be amazed at what our students achieve.

Governors need to look at internal and external data and we have working groups which meet throughout the year to do this. We have also discussed how the College promotes multi-culturalism and values through assemblies and PSHE and the need to keep safeguarding "high profile". We have involved the District Council, staff and community groups in discussion about the All Weather Pitch and we hope a new pitch will be in place in the not too distant future. We have monitored the budget and asked difficult questions.

Governors also have a duty to find out the views of all staff, students as well as parents/carers. A governor attends the College Parent Voice meetings and we have also been involved in parent voice meetings for specific year groups. For the last two years we have commissioned the Keele survey. This is a wide ranging questionnaire that this year was sent out in March and all staff, students, parents and carers were invited to take part. The uptake could have been better and we need to do more to encourage participation – we hope that by mentioning it now, more people will be aware of it and will complete next year's survey. The survey is a good way of governors being able to understand the opinions and concerns of our College community.

In order to carry out our core functions, which includes identifying the College's direction, ensuring students do well and overseeing financial performance, our board is well trained and supported by a good clerk. We have lead governors with terms of reference in key areas who regularly report back to the board and we hold a full governing board (FGB) meeting every month. Minutes of FGB meetings are on the College website and are emailed to all staff.

Perhaps one of the most important things Governors should do is build relationships with the whole College community: to be clear what it is that we want for our College, communicate this and enlist support to make it happen. We are always interested to hear from anyone who might like to join our Governing board. We must recruit for skills, but being interested and able can be as valuable; there is information on the website about current vacancies. Contact Alison Davenport our Clerk to Governors, (details on the website) if you would like to know more.

Kate Wilson, Chair of Governors